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Sole Trustee under the will of Isabella Stewart Gardner



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NOTE

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway, Incorporated, was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, December 19, 1900, Mrs. Gardner's sole beneficial ownership of the works of art held by this corporation being represented by stock. (*For the Certificate of Incorporation see p. 6 and for a copy of an Act of 1925 authorizing the corporation to hold additional real and personal estate, see p. 7.*)

The Will and Codicil of Isabella Stewart Gardner probated July 22, 1924, gave to Trustees all her land in Boston including Fenway Court and the land adjacent thereto, and her works of art, or her interest therein as represented by stock of The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway, Incorporated. (*For the relevant provisions of the Will and Codicil see p. 8.*)

On November 23, 1936, the Trustees then surviving executed an Agreement of Association with the intention of forming a corporation under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth (*see p. 11*). A certificate of Incorporation was granted on December 23, 1936, as of the date of the said Agreement (*see p. 13*). An Act authorizing the corporation to hold additional real and personal estate was approved March 23, 1937 (*see p. 14*).

The Trustees under the Will having resigned upon the formation of the corporation, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Incorporated, was on December 24, 1936, appointed by the Probate Court of Suffolk County, sole Trustee of the estate theretofore held in trust by the individual Trustees. (*For the Certificate of the Probate Court, see p. 15.*)

By an Act of the General Court of the Commonwealth approved May 14, 1943, the real estate in Boston of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Inc., was exempted from taxation as from January 1, 1943. (*For the Act see page 16.*)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Be it known *That whereas* John Chipman Gray, Isabella Stewart Gardner, Henry Walton Swift, Harold Jefferson Coolidge, Charles L. Pierson, Willard Thomas Sears, and William Amory Gardner have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM
IN THE FENWAY, INCORPORATED

for the purpose of art education, especially by the public exhibition of works of art, with a capital of Fifty Thousand Dollars, and have complied with the provisions of the Statutes of the Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the President, Treasurer, Secretary and Director of the said Corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and recorded in this office:

Now, Therefore, I, William M. Olin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, **Do hereby Certify** that said John Chipman Gray, Isabella Stewart Gardner, Henry Walton Swift, Harold Jefferson Coolidge, Charles L. Pierson, Willard Thomas Sears, and William Amory Gardner, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as and are hereby made an existing corporation under the name of

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM
IN THE FENWAY, INCORPORATED

with the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

[Seal]

WM. M. OLIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Acts of 1925 — Chapter 198

An Act to authorize THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM IN THE FENWAY, INCORPORATED, to hold additional real and personal estate and for other purposes.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows: .

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM IN THE FENWAY, INCORPORATED, a charitable institution organized under the general laws relating to charitable corporations, may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding eight million dollars, including the amount it is already authorized to hold by section nine of chapter one hundred and eighty of the general laws, which estate shall be devoted to the purposes of said institution, as provided in said section nine, so that through its agency may be carried on the endowed Museum given under the will of Isabella Stewart Gardner for the education and enjoyment of the public forever.

Approved March 30, 1925.

EXCERPTS FROM THE WILL AND CODICIL
OF
ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER

Dated May 9, 1921: Probated July 23, 1924

THIRD: 1. To Harold J. Coolidge, Grafton D. Cushing, William C. Endicott, Francis L. Higginson, Jr., and Arthur F. Johnson, all of Boston, and to said Arthur Pope, and to Henry D. Sleeper of Gloucester, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the heirs of the survivor, I devise all the land which I own in Boston, and especially the land comprising my estate known as Fenway Court, and my land adjacent thereto, situated on the Fenway, the Tremont entrance to the Fenway Park, and Worthington Street, which tract includes the lots conveyed to me by deeds of Augustus P. Loring, dated January 31, 1899, and June 13, 1899, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, *Lib.* 2620, *Fol.* 107 and 109; deed of Moses Williams *et al.*, Trustees, dated February 26, 1900, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, *Lib.* 2667, *Fol.* 306; deed of Henry M. White, dated January 1, 1901, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, *Lib.* 2728, *Fol.* 25; deed of Moses Williams *et al.*, Trustees, dated June 16, 1906, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, *Lib.* 3136, *Fol.* 170; deed of Paul and Rachel S. Thorndike, acknowledged March 22, 1907, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, *Lib.* 3197, *Fol.* 493; deed of Charles Paine, dated November 20, 1911, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, *Lib.* 3589, *Fol.* 232, and deed of Moses Williams *et al.*, Trustees, dated January 8, 1913, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, *Lib.* 3700, *Fol.* 631, with the buildings thereon, and I also bequeath to the said Coolidge, Cushing, Endicott, Higginson, Johnson, Pope and Sleeper, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the

representatives of the survivor, all my interest in the pictures, statuary, works of art, bric-a-brac, furniture, books and papers, contained at my death in all the stories of the main building of said Fenway Court other than the fourth story and the attic, and also in or upon the grounds adjoining said building, and all such articles as are above mentioned wherever situated intended or destined to be contained in these stories other than the fourth story and the attic, including all the property in which I own the beneficial interest through my ownership of all the shares of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway, Incorporated, all the aforesaid real and personal property to be held by said Coolidge, Cushing, Endicott, Higginson, Johnson, Pope and Sleeper, in trust as a Museum for the education and enjoyment of the public forever, but no works of art shall be placed therein for exhibition other than such as I, or the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway, Incorporated, own or have contracted for at my death. And I direct that, if any question arises as to what is intended or destined for said stories other than the fourth story and the attic, the judgment of my Executors or Executor shall be final.

2. Whereas in the foregoing paragraph I have bequeathed all my interest in certain personal property, and whereas the legal title to it or to a portion of it is in the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway, Incorporated, and whereas it is my intention that all the property of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway, Incorporated, shall be and remain in the Museum established under this will, now, therefore, I give and bequeath all my shares in the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway, Incorporated, to said Coolidge, Cushing, Endicott, Higginson, Johnson, Pope and Sleeper, to be held in trust

for the purposes of the Museum established under this will, I hereby directing the Trustees so to hold and manage said shares that all the property of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway, Incorporated, shall be and remain forever in the Museum established under this will subject to all the provisions of this will relating to the Museum so established. And I authorize the said Trustees, as the holders of all the shares of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway, Incorporated, to procure its dissolution, and the transfer and delivery of all its property to them as Trustees to be held in trust for the purposes of the Museum established under this will in accordance with all the provisions of this will relating to said Museum.

3. I also give to the said Coolidge, Cushing, Endicott, Higginson, Johnson, Pope and Sleeper, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the representatives of the survivor, the sum of one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in trust to apply the income of it to maintain the Museum established under this will in accordance with all the provisions of this will.

AGREEMENT OF ASSOCIATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do, by this agreement, associate ourselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the provisions of Chapter 180 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

The name by which the corporation shall be known is

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED.

The location of the principal office of the corporation to be in Massachusetts is the City of Boston.

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows: —

To conduct the museum established by the will of Isabella Stewart Gardner and otherwise to carry out the charitable purposes contained in said will, and incidentally thereto to act in any manner under said will with all the rights and powers conferred by said will, and to receive and hold real and personal property including all the property now held by the trustees under the will of said Isabella Stewart Gardner, and to administer all such property upon the trusts and in conformity with the provisions of said will.

The amount of its capital stock (if any) is *None* dollars

The par value of its shares is *None* dollars

The number of its shares is *None*

We hereby waive all requirements of the General Laws of Massachusetts for notice of the first meeting for organization, and appoint the 23rd day of November 1936, at one o'clock P.M., at Fenway Court, Boston, Massachusetts, as the time and place for holding said first meeting.

In Witness Whereof we have hereto signed our names
this 23rd day of November in the year nineteen hundred and
thirty-six.

NAME	RESIDENCE (City or town; street and number)
William C. Endicott	59 Ingersoll St., Danvers, Mass.
Francis L. Higginson	Cherry St., Wenham, Mass.
Grafton D. Cushing	45 East 66th St., N. Y. C.
T. Jefferson Coolidge	35 Lapland St., Brookline
Richard C. Paine	325 Heath St., Brookline, Mass.
Olga E. Monks	51 Commonwealth Ave., Boston
Arthur Pope	11 Lowell St., Cambridge, Mass.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Be it known *That whereas* William C. Endicott (deceased), Francis L. Higginson, Olga E. Monks, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Grafton D. Cushing, Richard C. Paine and Arthur Pope have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED,

for the purpose of the following: —To conduct the museum established by the will of Isabella Stewart Gardner and otherwise to carry out the charitable purposes contained in said will, and incidentally thereto to act in any manner under said will with all the rights and powers conferred by said will, and to receive and hold real and personal property including all the property now held by the trustees under the will of said Isabella Stewart Gardner, and to administer all such property upon the trusts and in conformity with the provisions of said will; and have complied with the provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the Articles of Organization of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation and recorded in this office:

Now, therefore, I, Frederic W. Cook, Secretary of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, **Do Hereby Certify** that said William C. Endicott (deceased), Francis L. Higginson, Olga E. Monks, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Grafton D. Cushing, Richard C. Paine and Arthur Pope, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made, an existing corporation as of November 28, 1936, under the name of THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED, with the powers, rights and privileges and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions, which by law appertain thereto.

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the Great Seal of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed, this twenty-third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

F. W. COOK

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[Seal]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Chapter 126—Laws of 1937

An Act authorizing THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED, to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED, a charitable institution organized under the general laws relating to charitable corporations to carry out the charitable provisions contained in the will of Isabella Stewart Gardner, may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding twelve million dollars notwithstanding the limitation provided by section nine of chapter one hundred and eighty of the General Laws, which estate shall be devoted to the purposes of said institution as provided in said section nine.

Approved March 23, 1937.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

SUFFOLK, SS.

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED, of Boston, Suffolk County, a Massachusetts Corporation, is appointed trustee of certain estate given in trust as a Museum for the education and enjoyment of the public forever under the will of Isabella Stewart Gardner, late of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, deceased, testate, which will was proved and allowed on the twenty-first day of August A.D. 1924, by said Court, and is now of record in this Court, to act in place of William C. Endicott, deceased, Grafton D. Cushing, Olga E. Monks, Richard C. Paine, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Arthur Pope and Francis L. Higginson (resigned).

And you are required to make and return to said Probate Court, within three months from the date hereof, a true inventory of all real and personal estate belonging to it as trustee, which at the time of the making of such inventory shall have come to its possession or knowledge;

To manage and dispose of all such estate, and faithfully to discharge its trust in relation thereto, according to law and the will of said testatrix;

To render, upon oath, a true account of the property in its hands, and of the management and disposition thereof, at least once a year until its trust is fulfilled, unless excused therefrom in any year by said Court; and

At the expiration of its trust, to settle its account in said Court, and pay over and deliver all the estate and effects remaining in its hands, or due from it on such settlement, to the person or persons entitled thereto.

Witness, William M. Prest, Esquire, Judge of said Court, at Boston, this 24th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

ARTHUR W. SULLIVAN, *Register*.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Acts of the Year 1943

Chapter 279

An Act to Exempt from Taxation the Real Estate in Boston of THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED, Trustee under the Will of Isabella Stewart Gardner.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The real estate, hereinafter described, located in the city of Boston and held by THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED, as trustee under the will of Isabella Stewart Gardner, shall be exempt from taxation beginning January first, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and continuing so long as the museum, known as the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, is operated by said corporation for the education and enjoyment of the public. Said real estate includes the building housing said museum and is bounded northwesterly by Worthington street; northeasterly by the Fenway; southeasterly by Evans Way; southwesterly by land now or formerly of Carol H. Powers et al., one hundred and twenty-one hundredths feet; and northwesterly thirty-two and sixty-nine hundredths feet and southwesterly eighty-four and eighty-nine hundredths feet by land now or formerly of Harold J. Coolidge et al., Trustees; containing about sixty-six thousand, seven hundred and ninety-four square feet.

Approved May 14, 1943.

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER
MUSEUM, INCORPORATED
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

The officers of this corporation shall consist of a board of seven Trustees, a presiding officer to be known as the President of The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Incorporated, a Vice-President of The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Incorporated, a financial officer to be known as the Treasurer of The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Incorporated, and a recording officer to be known as the Secretary of The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

The Trustees shall have the right to resign, and upon the death or resignation of any of them the remainder shall have the right to fill the vacancy or vacancies by the election of a new member or members.

ARTICLE III

The Trustees shall have general control of the property of the corporation and shall have power to appoint from time to time such agents as they may deem necessary for the appropriate conduct of the affairs of the corporation, subject to the provisions of the will of Isabella Stewart Gardner.

ARTICLE IV

The Trustees shall, at the annual meeting, choose from their number a President of the Corporation to hold office until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

The Trustees shall, at the annual meeting, choose from their number a Vice-President of the Corporation, to hold office until the next annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside at meetings of the Trustees in the absence of the President. The Vice-President may also hold the office of Treasurer or Secretary if thereto elected.

ARTICLE VI

The Trustees shall, at the annual meeting, choose from their number, a Treasurer of the Corporation, to hold office until the next annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep the financial records of the Corporation and report thereon to the Trustees. The Treasurer may also hold the office of Secretary if thereto elected.

ARTICLE VII

The Trustees shall, at the annual meeting, choose from their number a Secretary of the Corporation to hold office until the next annual meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the meetings of the Trustees and to give the requisite notice thereof.

ARTICLE VIII

A vacancy occurring in any of the offices of the Corporation may be filled at any regular or special meeting of the Trustees, the officer so elected to hold office until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX

The Trustees shall have power to act on all questions by a majority of their number. The Trustees shall have the right to put any securities in the names of two or more of

their number, either individually or as Trustees of this Corporation, and the Trustees so named, or their survivors or survivor, shall have power to assign and transfer such securities, and to execute powers of attorney, proxies to vote, dividend orders, subscriptions and other instruments relating to such securities. No Trustee shall be liable for retaining bonds or securities unregistered, for leaving securities in the possession or control of any other of the Trustees, for any error of judgment, or for anything except his own wilful personal default.

ARTICLE X

An annual meeting of the Trustees shall be held at Boston on the second Monday of February in each year. Special meetings may be held at any time, either in Boston or elsewhere in the Commonwealth, upon the request of any of the Trustees. The Secretary shall give notice thereof to each Trustee, either personally or by mail, at least three days prior to the time of such meeting, or said notice may be given by the President, but any meeting of the Trustees at any place at which all shall be present shall be valid without any previous notice thereof.

ARTICLE XI

A notice of any meeting of the Trustees, mailed to addresses furnished by them, shall be sufficient notice.

ARTICLE XII

The seal of the corporation shall consist of a circular impression bearing the corporate name and the year of incorporation and a design representing a phoenix surmounted by a helmet with the motto *C'est mon plaisir*.

ARTICLE XIII

The By-Laws may be amended in any manner not incompatible with the due administration of the trusts set up in the will of Isabella Stewart Gardner, at any regular or special meeting, provided that notice of such intended amendment shall be given in the call for the meeting.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT



TO THE TRUSTEES:

The affairs of the Museum continued much as usual. There were no formal receptions, but visits of the special groups showed a slight increase, which is much appreciated. The total visitors, however, fell off slightly, particularly on Sundays, due to the bad weather conditions of last winter. Fuller details of attendance are given in the Director's report.

The repairs to the columns around the courtyard have been satisfactorily completed, as well as certain others begun or contemplated last year.

The subject of insurance was given careful consideration by the Trustees in consultation with counsel with special reference to the interests of possible beneficiaries in case of the destruction either in whole or in part of the Museum or its contents. It was decided that the present coverage of the building was sufficient to take care of reparable damage as distinguished from extensive destruction, but that the insurance applicable to works of art should be limited to relatively slight and reparable damage, inasmuch as the total or extensive destruction of works of art would make it impossible to carry on the Museum in accordance with the terms of Mrs. Gardner's will, which forbids the replacement or rearrangement of the works of art.

The income of the Museum from General Funds showed an increase of \$18,380.55 compared with the previous year, which was slightly reduced to \$18,144.44 by a small decrease in the receipts from sales at the Museum. The details will be found in the Treasurer's report.

The general operating expenses decreased \$9,701.96, but it will be remembered that in 1947 heavy charges were incurred treating termite damage, making other repairs, and purchasing supplies. On the other hand, in 1948 the cost of insurance increased about \$6,250, ordinary maintenance about \$5,900, and salaries and wages about \$2,600. The final result, therefore, after transferring the customary \$10,000 to our own Pension Fund and providing \$3,127.23 for amortization of bond premiums, was a surplus for the year of \$38,448.43 compared with \$14,814.68 for 1947, making a total accumulated surplus of \$111,802.28.

The Director and the whole staff are to be congratulated again for the way the building, its contents and the gardens have been maintained.

F. L. HIGGINSON

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR



TO THE TRUSTEES:

When Mrs. Gardner's stipulations that no works of art should be added to her collection and no changes made in exhibition became known, it was commonly predicted that the Museum she had created would soon be a dead institution; but prophets are often mistaken, and it has been particularly pleasant during the past year to hear the Museum frequently called "living," "so alive," even to have people say it is such a contrast to the usual "dead museum." This impression is probably due largely to the flowers and music, but also to the fact that the Museum is so obviously a place where someone has lived, a place so pervaded by a personality that visitors often say it seems as if Mrs. Gardner must be in the next room.

As required by Mrs. Gardner's will, a Mass of Requiem was celebrated on April 14th by the Rev. Father Dale, of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Nine people attended.

During the summer, four columns in the Court colonnade were replaced and certain other changes were made to increase the strength of the structural supports. The two high brick piers at the Worthington Street gate, and the top of the adjacent wall were rebuilt by John Maretti. Considerable work has also been done by our own men on the glass roof over the Court.

On May 29th, the American Association of Museums held the final session of its annual convention in the Tapestry Room.

On July 9th, the Special Prize Committee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society inspected the garden. As a result of the Committee's report, the Trustees of the Society awarded the Museum a gold medal. In his letter reporting the award, Mr. Arno H. Nehrling, Executive Secretary of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, said:

In the report submitted the Garden Committee specifically mentioned the good taste used in the design of the gardens, comprising all types of plant material, including ground covers in variety—all in excellent condition despite adverse city conditions. The Committee was also impressed with the high educational value of the gardens and termed them a horticultural achievement of which Boston can be proud.

In 1938, a gold medal was awarded to the Museum "for the excellence of the planting in the Court and for the culture of the plants grown there."

In March, Mr. Mason and I made our annual trip to New York to audition applicants for engagements on our 1948-1949 Sunday music schedule. From June 20th to the end of July our Sunday music was broadcast over WVOM, a new station opened in Brookline.

During 1948, the following artists have been heard on Sundays:— The Hungarian, Juilliard, Pascal, and Roth String Quartets; the Harvard Glee Club and Radcliffe Choral Society; the pianists Hellmut Baerwald, Lionel Bowman, Thomas Brockman, Jane Carlson, Bernard Gabriel, Boris Goldovsky, Jean Graham, Grant Johannesen, Noel Lee, Marisa Regules, Thomas Richner, Maxim Schapiro, Miklos Schwalb, David Smith, and Claudette Sorel; the violinists Anahid Ajemian, Mary Becker, James de la Fuente,

Frank Kneisel, Helen Kwalwasser, Inez Lauritano, Shulamit Silber, Uni Sprengling, and Roman Totenberg; the cellists Maurice Eisenberg and Hannah Sherman; the flautist Lois Schaefer; the harpsichordist Daniel Pinkham; the singers Rosa Bok, Joan Brainerd, Ben Cutler, Lawrence Davidson, Gordon Dilworth, the English Duo, Harvey Harding, John Herrick, James Montgomery, and Olga Paul.

The paintings by Van Dyck, Piero del Pollaiuolo, Ter Borch, and the two "after Signorelli" have been cleaned and restored; those by Suttermans, Coello, Sully, the "Portrait of Philip IV," by Velazquez, and "The Wife of Darius before Alexander," by Bonifazio Veronese, have been relined, cleaned, and restored. This work was done by Mr. Jakstas, who also cleaned and restored the plastic "Madonna and Child," attributed to Jacopo della Quercia.

During August, the tapestry, "The Virtuous King and the Princess of Peace," was repaired and relined by M. K. Soukikian.

On March 2nd, Harold Hobday, who had retired from the Museum service September 30th, 1947, died suddenly from a heart attack.

On April 30th, William J. F. Black, who had been head gardener since April 13th, 1942, left to take a position on a private estate. Andrew J. Madden, who had been his assistant, is now head gardener.

On May 26th, I attended the final session of the Meeting of Art Museum Directors in Providence, and on September 7th, I represented the Museum at ceremonies connected with the opening of Brandeis University.

Attendance

Calendar Year 1948 (11 months; closed in August)

Weekdays	47,147	decrease over previous year	176
Sundays	<u>42,620</u>	“ “ “ “	<u>2,996</u>
	89,767	“ “ “ “	3,172

The decrease in attendance on Sundays may be attributed to two causes, the severe storms that have frequently occurred on Sunday, and the numerous other attractions such as concerts, parades, and professional baseball games. It is gratifying that the weekday attendance has declined so little, considering how many stormy days there were last winter. During the year, 1,207 people took advantage of the regular guidance offered on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings. One hundred and ninety-six special groups visited the Museum. These groups included 5,679 people, of whom 2,449 received guidance by members of the Museum staff; 32 of these groups came from public schools or colleges in Boston; 58 came from public schools or colleges outside of Boston; 29 came from private schools, and 77 from clubs, churches, and various organizations. We have not resumed our former practice of providing tea by special arrangement to visiting groups; but, continuing a long-established custom, tea was provided for Mrs. Charles Gaston Smith's Class. This year I spoke to the Class about Mrs. Gardner, repeating the facts of her ancestry, so frequently given incorrectly, and calling attention to certain phases of her personality that are perhaps not generally known. Tea was also provided by the Museum for visitors who had come to Boston to attend the Methodist World Conference; and tea was served to five other groups that supplied their own provisions.

Sales

Catalogue of Exhibited Paintings and Drawings, Hendy	54
Isabella Stewart Gardner and Fenway Court, Carter	118
General Catalogue, Longstreet	26
Reproductions of Paintings, Pope-Hatch	2
Gardner Collection	145
Guides	4,132
Photographs	803
Color Prints	3,976
Postcards, monochrome	8,608
" , colored 5¢	40,456
" , " 10¢	1,170
Negatives	10
Slides	2
N. E. Art Museums	1
Christmas Folders	1,089

**Receipts*

Sales	\$4,776.03
Teas	232.75
Service in connection with serving refreshments	105.00
	<hr/> \$5,113.78

* Receipts at the Museum are offset to some extent by expenditures on the accounts of the Treasurer.

In closing I should like to express my gratitude to the Trustees for the very kind consideration they have shown me throughout the year, and also my appreciation of the devotion of all the Museum employees to the welfare of the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS CARTER, *Director*

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS



*To The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Incorporated,
Trustee under the Will of Isabella Stewart Gardner:*

We have examined the accounts of The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Incorporated, Trustee under the Will of Isabella Stewart Gardner, for the year ending December 31, 1948 and have prepared therefrom the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income received, expenditures and appropriations. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The securities owned at December 31, 1948 were confirmed direct to us by the custodian, Fiduciary Trust Company. We examined copies of brokers' advices or other evidence in support of all security transactions reflected on the books and satisfied ourselves as to the amount of the gain or loss from sales. Also, on December 8, 1948, we inspected the securities owned by the Museum as at that date.

The amount of cash on deposit at December 31, 1948 was reconciled by us with confirmations which we received direct from the depositaries and included the following balances held as uninvested funds by the Fiduciary Trust Company:

General fund investment	\$12,374.45
Pension fund	676.83
Current working assets	10,030.86
	<u>\$23,082.14</u>

Cash on hand at the Museum offices was counted by us during the course of our examination and reconciled with the balances shown by the books as on hand at December 31, 1948.

Income received from investments held by all the funds has been verified independently by us and is correctly reflected in the attached statements. Income and expenses are not accrued in the accounts of the Museum until received or paid, except in respect of United States Savings Bonds purchased on a discount basis, on which interest has been accrued to the extent of the increment in the redemption value. Receipts at the Museum from sales of catalogues, etc. have not been verified by us but we have made tests of the procedure followed in recording these receipts and found it to be satisfactory. We examined approved vouchers or other evidence of approval in support of all cash disbursements for the year.

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In our opinion, based upon our examination, the accompanying statements present fairly, on the basis indicated, the position of The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Incorporated, Trustee as at December 31, 1948 and a summary of its income received, expenditures and appropriations for the year then ended, in conformity in all material respects with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

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THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED, TRUSTEE UNDER THE WILL OF ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1948

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Note—Gains and losses from sales of securities have been determined on the basis of values shown in Trustee's inventory as of December 24, 1936 or the cost of subsequent acquisitions.

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, INCORPORATED
TRUSTEE UNDER THE WILL OF ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER

STATEMENT OF INCOME RECEIVED, EXPENDITURES AND
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1948

(With comparative figures for the previous year)

	<i>Year ending December 31,</i>	
	1948	1947
<i>Income received:</i>		
Dividends on capital stocks	\$166,167.93	\$144,804.37
Interest on bonds (not including interest on Pension Fund investments)	47,948.46	50,931.47
Sales of catalogues, post cards, etc. at Museum	4,776.03	5,012.14
	<u>\$218,892.42</u>	<u>\$200,747.98</u>
<i>Expenditures:</i>		
Museum operating expenses:		
Guards and watchmen	\$ 23,475.28	\$ 22,022.19
Plants and flowers	24,966.59	24,078.46
Music	12,641.35	12,328.58
Care of collection and paintings	6,525.81	7,103.78
Maintenance	36,233.68	30,329.01
Administrative salaries and expenses	25,919.24	24,764.34
Sundry operating expenses	3,799.00	4,108.83
Extraordinary charges for repairs and replacements	5,516.64	14,358.59
Insurance	8,799.03	2,550.84
Compensation of managing trustees	7,000.00	7,000.00
Fiduciary Trust Company—agent	6,000.00	6,000.00
Trustees' fees	780.00	500.00
State Street office expenses	3,205.04	2,464.10
Legal and accounting services	1,440.00	3,190.00
Miscellaneous general and administrative expenses	563.72	556.00
Cost of printing post cards, etc. for sale at Museum	457.38	13,720.00
	<u>\$167,322.76</u>	<u>\$175,074.72</u>
Excess of income over expenditures	\$ 51,569.66	\$ 25,673.26
Appropriation for Pension Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Amortization of bond premiums	3,121.23	858.65
	<u>\$ 13,121.23</u>	<u>\$ 10,858.65</u>
Excess of income received over expendi- tures and appropriations, carried to cur- rent surplus account—per balance sheet	<u>\$ 38,448.43</u>	<u>\$ 14,814.61</u>

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